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TAGS: OREP (STONE, RICHARD B.)
SUBJECT: CODEL STONE

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1. IT APPEARS FAHMY HAS DECIDED TO TELL SADAT ABOUT SENATOR STONE'S REQUEST TO TRAVEL CAIRO TO TEL AVIV VIA SFM. DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY HOW HE PRESENTED SUBJECT, BUT SADAT MENTIONED MATTER TO ME DURING MY MEETING WITH HIM TODAY.

2. WHEN I TOLD SADAT TODAY OF THE SENATOR'S JUNE 7-8 VISIT AND ARRANGED A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN ISMAILIA (CAIRO 9012), SADAT ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT THE SENATOR HAD EARLIER CANCELLED HIS VISIT BECAUSE OF THE SFM TRANSIT CONTROVERSY. HE SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT THE SENTAOR HAS CHNAGED HIS MIND, BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERS THE SENATOR'S EARLIER REQUEST TO GO DIRECTLY FROM CAIRO TO TEL AVIV VIA SFM TO HAVE BEEN UNREASONABLE. FAHMY HAD BEEN RIGHT IN TURNING IT DOWN. HE REHEARSED FAHMY'S ARGUMENTS: SFM IS AN EARLY WARNING STATION, NOT OPEN BRIDGES; IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ALLOW SUCH TRANSIT WITHOUT CREATING A PRECEDENT; EITHER THE SENATOR OR THE SENATOR'S STAFF
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OR THE ISRAELIS WOULD PUBLISH THE FACT THAT THE SENATOR HAD TRAVLLED BY THAT ROUTE, WHICH THE PRESIDENT NOTED WOULD INEVITABLY SUBJECT GOE TO UNNNECESSAR CRITICISM; USE OF SFM FOR TRANSIT PURPOSE WOULD ALSO DAMAGE THE IMAGE OF THE STATION IN ARAB EYES.

3. I EXPLAINED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE SENATOR'S EARLIER

TIGHT SCHEDULE HAD PROMPTED THE REQUEST AND THE SECRETARY'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE REQUEST ON A ONE TIME ONLY BASIS. IN ANY CASE, WE UNDERSTAND GOE POLICY ON SFM AND ACCEPT GOE DECISION. SAME TIME WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE SENATOR HAS AGAIN LAID ON A VISIT TO EGYPT AND ARE CONVINCED THAT SUCH A VISIT WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR MUTUAL PURPOSES.

4. SADAT RECALLED MEETING THE SENATOR IN WASHINGTON AND SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AGAIN. I PLAN ACCOMPANY THE SENATOR TO ISMAILIA FOR THE MEETING.
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